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LEMKE/PEERLESS BAKERY, JUNEAU

(Alaska Daily Empire, Juneau, Sept. 15, 1913)

NEW BUSINESS OPENS TOMORROW

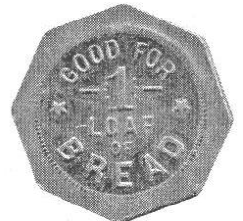
W.A. Lemke, formerly of Bremerton, Wash., has established a first-class bakery and delicatessen in the Shattuck building on lower Front street, and will open to the public tomorrow afternoon at 1 o'clock. The place is modern and up-to-date in all respects. The closest attention has been paid to sanitary conditions. The equipment is the very latest known to the caterer's trade, and it is Mr. Lemke's purpose to offer to his trade the best that can be produced in his line.

Mr. Lemke was in business for eight years at Bremerton, where he was very successful. He sold his establishment there for the purpose of coming to Juneau, believing that this city offered more for a growing business than any other place in the West.

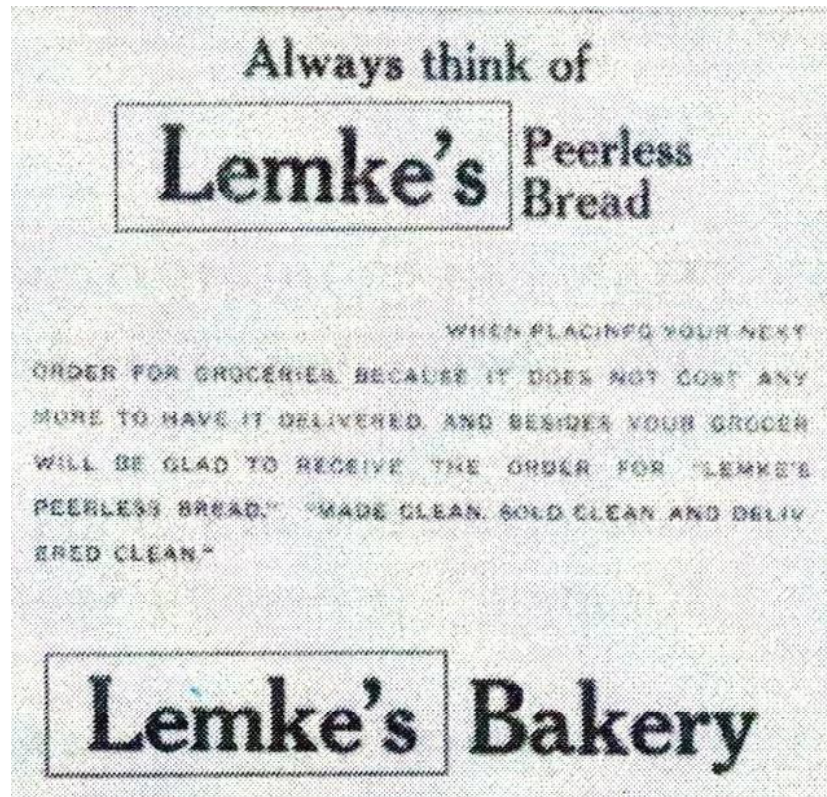
Mr. Lemke lost most of his first outfit of goods on the State of California, and was compelled to make a trip below in order to get it duplicated. The loss to him was heavy. The lost goods were valued \$1,000, and he was compelled to



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EDITOR'S COMMENTS

It has been an interesting month. I have been sorting Candy Waugman's paper collectibles and found some items that we are presenting in this issue. As I proceed, I am sure there will be more.

The Library of Congress newspapers continue to provide background information on Alaska token issuers. No tragedies this month, but a question. Why did Lemke leave Juneau less than 8 months after opening his bakery in Juneau? And he is back at the Peerless less than 3 year later. Sadly, the newspapers end there.

Also, liquor licenses in Juneau in 1916 present some familiar names. We see how Jack Robarts ended up in Anchorage. And George Mayhood's possessions recovered from the wreck of the Princess Sophia.

Our thanks this month to Wil Courtney for providing items for "For the Record." If these modern tokens are not documented, they will be forgotten.

It has been a quiet month on eBay. The Comisary from Skagway brought \$483.93. There was only one other token breaking the \$100 mark.

See page 44 for an update on the Elizabeth Peratrovich Dollar. But still no final design.

Testimony on the State House floor on March 20 can be viewed at

<https://www.360north.org/gavel/video/?clientID=2147483647&eventID=2019031256>.

The testimony on the Peratrovich dollar starts at about 23 minutes. At about 41 minutes, Rep. Hannan from Juneau gives the best reason the coin should be circulated in Alaska. I will paraphrase here: "The first question tourists ask when they get off the cruise ship in Juneau is "What's the elevation?" The second question is "Do you use American money?" With the Peratrovich dollar, we can say No, we use these Alaskan Dollars."

What better way to answer that perennial question asked of every store owner in Alaska by tourists and cheechakos? And several times a summer, I have to tell people, "Sorry, no, we do not take Canadian currency or coins."

PRICES REALIZED

Selected prices realized from eBay:

Anchorage , J.C. Morris encased	90.00
Cordova , Alaska Hotel, 12½¢, B-2a	15.00OB
Cordova , Rosswog's, 6¼¢, B-31a	20.00OB
Hoonah , Icy Straits, 10¢, B-2a	19.99OB
Ketchikan , Bingle Club, set of 3, B-5.2 a-c	45.00OB
Ketchikan , Stedman Hotel, 12½¢, B-60aII	9.99OB
Kodiak , Nelson & Kroth, 12½¢, B-11a	57.00
Kotzebue , NCO Club A-Go-Go, 25¢, B-2g	7.39
Kwiguk , Alstrom, \$1, B-1c	18.50
Kwiguk , Alstrom, \$10, B-1e	32.55
McCarthy , Gustave Priesner, 25¢, B-5c	140.00OB
Port Alexander , John Jacobsen, 50¢, B-3b	22.50
Seward , The Palace, 12½¢, B-9c	24.19
Skagway , BPOE Elks, no denom., B-2b	37.00
Skagway , B of T, "Land of gold", 12½¢ B-4d	99.99OB
Skagway , The Comisary, 6¼¢, B-6a	483.93
Talkeetna , B.N. Pool Room, 12½¢, B-1aI	20.00OB
Valdez , C.M. Day, 6¼¢, B-5a	137.50
Wildwood , WCC, 5¢	12.00OB
AYPE , Encased Cent, round	34.00
USC&GSS Pathfinder , ship's token	53.37

OB = Opening Bid; NB = No Bid; RL = relist; R = Reserve; RNM = Reserve Not Met; W = withdrawn BIN = Buy it now; BOA = Best Offer Accepted; DNS = Did Not Sell; FTR = see For the Record.



The Yukon Dogs. Die sinker's error? The Yukon, Doc's, Everett, Washington. Just a neat piece.

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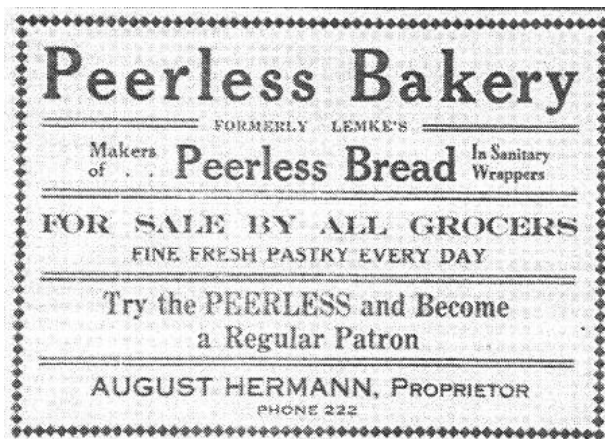
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LEMKE/PEERLESS, CONT.

lose several weeks time. He says, however, that he is here to stay and grow with Juneau.



May 23, 1914

(April 9, 1914)

W.A. Lemke took passage on the Admiral Sampson last night for Cordova.

(April 11, 1914)

The Mariposa, leaving for the South last night took the following from Juneau: For Seattle... Mrs. W. A. Lemke, Carl Lemke...

(August 19, 1915)

A. Lemke, former Juneau baker, is now employed as head baker on the steamship City of Seattle, and was



B-60a

in town yesterday. He may return here to Juneau this winter, to re-locate here.

(February 1, 1916)

W.A. Lemke, former owner of the Lemke Bakery, now the Peerless, in Juneau, returned from the South on the Jefferson. He is looking for an opening and may decide to reopen a bakery here.

(Valdez Daily Prospector, March 15, 1916)

Juneau. - W.S. Wagner, proprietor of Wagner's cafe, had a half dozen guinea hens shipped here from Seattle for use in his restaurant. But before he had time to kill the pretty birds some of Juneau's live wires, who are always on the lookout for something for Alaska, bought the birds and will try to raise guinea hens here in Alaska. Jack Hayes took two, Mr. Lemke of the Peerless Bakery took two, and the other two were taken by a rancher. Mr. Wagner is of the opinion that they will do well in this country and will send for more at once.



JUNEAU LIQUOR LICENSES - 1916

Juneau: Alaska Daily Empire, July 1, 1916.

The application of Carl Brophy for renewal of the license of the **Grotto Bar** (B-27) was taken under advisement by the court pending the settlement of litigation now before the court. The **Louvre Bar** (B-43) license was also taken under advisement....Both of these places will be allowed to operate until the license is either granted or refused

The application of the **Old Kentucky Liquor Company** (B-41) was granted and that firm will continue business in the same place as before.

The Juneau saloon men who received licenses this morning were Mike(?) Adzich, **Occidental Bar** (B-

55); **Alaskan Hotel Company** (B-2); Ashby and Endleman, **Opera Bar** (B-58); Peter Carlson and F.W. Young, **Montana Bar** (B-52); Peter Fuhrken, **Circle City Hotel** (B-16); **Juneau Liquor Company** (39); J.H. Mahoney and Frank Ward, **Heidelberg Bar** (B-28); Lockie McKinnon, **Old Stand Liquor Company** (B-57); Henry Olson, **New York Exchange** (B-53); Cassie B. Secrest, **Mecca Bar** (B-50).

Successful Douglas applicants were: Roen Soenens and Fred Guis (B-36).

Only applicants with a direct link to a specific token are cited.

U.S. CURRENCY TRIVIA

A few years ago it was proposed to remove Andrew Jackson from the \$20 bill and replace him with a woman. Many were suggested.

In searching for information on Elizabeth Peratrovich on line, I stumbled upon an interesting item from 2015.

It seems that a woman on the \$20 has become a woman on the \$10, to replace Alexander Hamilton.

In 2015, then Governor Walker and Lt. Governor Mallot proposed that Elizabeth Peratrovich be featured on the redesigned \$10. Apparently, this did not get very far out of Juneau.

The change in currency design has not happened, and I really have not kept up with it. The coin papers are remarkably silent on the subject at this time.

Even more bizarre!

Thomas Cikalo is proposing a \$3 bill to honor “hero animals,” starting with Togo of Nome serum run fame.



While this is a neat, this just is not going anywhere. The Treasury is loathe to change the designs of the currency, except in the face of counterfeiting threats.

Call me a cynic, but I will believe they will change the \$10 (or \$20) bill when I see it.

PERATROVICH DOLLAR UPDATE

The 4-H Youth in Governance program takes students from around the state to Juneau every year. Our 2019 YiG students chose the Elizabeth Peratrovich dollar coin as one of the topics to discuss with legislators. The plan was to make sure legislators knew about the coin and to encourage them to find a way to have the coin released to circulation in Alaska. No dollar coin has been released to circulation since 2011.

During each visit with the 60 legislators or staff, our youth mentioned the topic and requested the coin be released to circulation in Alaska. Even before we left Juneau on Friday, February 22 we saw a draft of the house resolution supporting this idea. One of our 4-H members testified before the House State Affairs committee in favor of releasing the coin in Alaska. It has since passed the House and is in the Senate Community and Regional Affairs committee.

HJR9 calls for the release of 5 million Elizabeth Peratrovich dollars to circulation in Alaska. It has progressed to the state senate.

Also while in Juneau, we met the Grand President of the Alaska Native Sisterhood, Paulette Mareno. Elizabeth Peratrovich held this title in her time. They are also very interested in having the coin released in Alaska and have become strong partners for us in this quest.

There is a delegation of 4-H teens from Kenai going to 4-H Conference in Washington, DC. As part of the program they will meet with Senators Murkowski and Sullivan, and Representative Don Young and will mention our interest in having this coin released to circulation in Alaska.

I spoke with Paulette Mareno recently. She is actively working to get the coin released in Alaska. Paulette has been in touch with her “person” at the mint. They intend to have a representative from the mint come to the annual meeting of the A.N.S. in Anchorage in October. Perhaps the final design will be revealed at that meeting.

Now would be a good time to contact our State Senators to gather their support.

-Jan Hanscom

CANDY WAUGAMAN ESTATE

As executor of the Candy Waugaman estate, I will be going through her junque (as she called it). This will give me a great opportunity to share with our readers items of interest. As an example, page 47 has some photos that we could have used in previous issues this year.

While her estate has few tokens or medals, there are some objects (besides photos) that will be of interest.

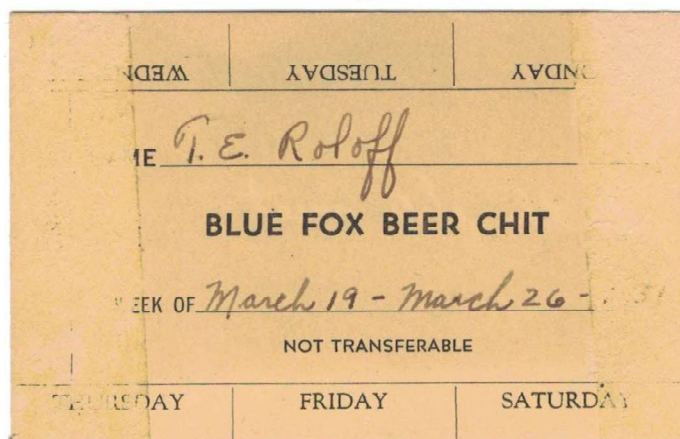


Shown here are two brass tags from the Alaska Steam Ship Co. The small one is 34.9mm by 35mm while the large one is 35.2mm by 42.75mm.

In the right column is a brass tag from the White Pass and Yukon Route, attached to a leather strap. The brass tag is 42.5mm by 48mm. The overall length is 121mm. The initials at the bottom stand for Pacific & Arctic Railway & Navigation Co. and British Columbia Yukon Railway Co., two of the three operating entities.

More likely to be found will be paper and card items such as the Blue Fox Beer chit. It is black on tan card stock, 90 mm by 57mm. It appears to have been taped into an album, with loss on both ends. The date is just barely readable - "Week of March 19 - March 26 - 1931. Is this from the Blue Fox (Pup) cafe, restaurant or other incarnation in Ketchikan. Can anyone find a Roloff in Alaska?

And lastly, the "Admit Gentleman and Ladies \$1.50." A gentleman and how many ladies??? Black on white card stock, 89mm by 48mm. There were several of these. I have no idea what it was for, but I needed a space filler.



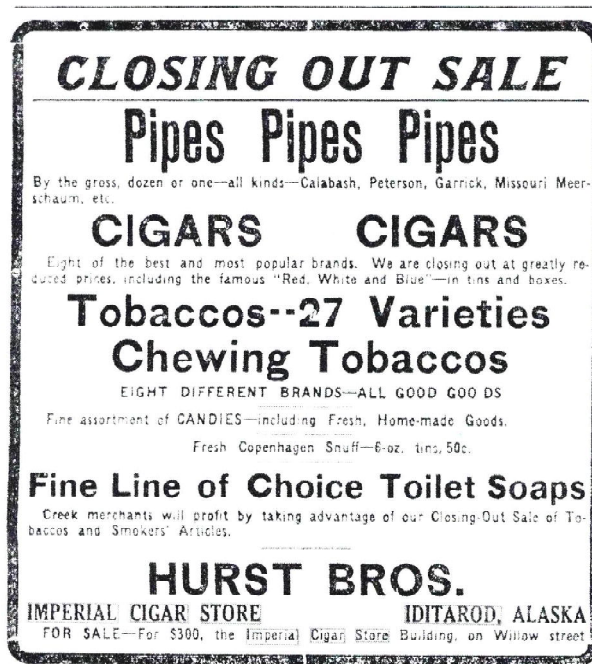
IMPERIAL CIGAR STORE IDITAROD



B-2a



Iditarod Pioneer, April 15, 1911



Iditarod Pioneer, July 4, 1914

ROBARTS-ANCHORAGE



B-34a

(Alaska Citizen, Fairbanks, Sept. 20, 1915).
JACK ROBARTS HAS LOCATED AT ANCHORAGE.

Former Fairbanksan casts his lot with new coast city.

Information received here during the past week in a letter from Jack Robarts, is to the effect the former Fairbanksan has decided to become an Alaskan again and will settle in Anchorage. He writes that he has spent some little time there this summer and that he purchased one of the best lots to be had there from the government, paying \$1,900 for it.

It is Mr. Robarts' intention, according to the letter, to put up a two story building on his new purchase. When he wrote the letter he was on his way to Seattle to make the purchase of eight pool tables and a set of bowling alleys, and intends to open a pool hall.

In the building, which will be 42 feet by 100 feet, there will be a three barber chair shop and a store room 14 feet by 25 feet aside from the pool room, on the ground floor. On the second floor there will be the living quarters of the family. Mr. Robarts also expects to put in 18 to 20 rooms later, but states that the will not furnish them until spring.

Mr. Robarts also remarks that he is well pleased with the out look of the new town. He says that it is starting off like a "real" city. It is planned to grade new streets, sidewalks are planned, also city light, telephone, sewage system and fire department.

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Ed. Note: Mr. Robarts had left Fairbanks and prior to going to Anchorage he ran a hotel in South Fort George, British Columbia (Prince George). Its loss in a fire was reported in the January 25, 1915 issue of the Alaska Citizen.

PHOTOS WE WISH WE HAD SOONER!



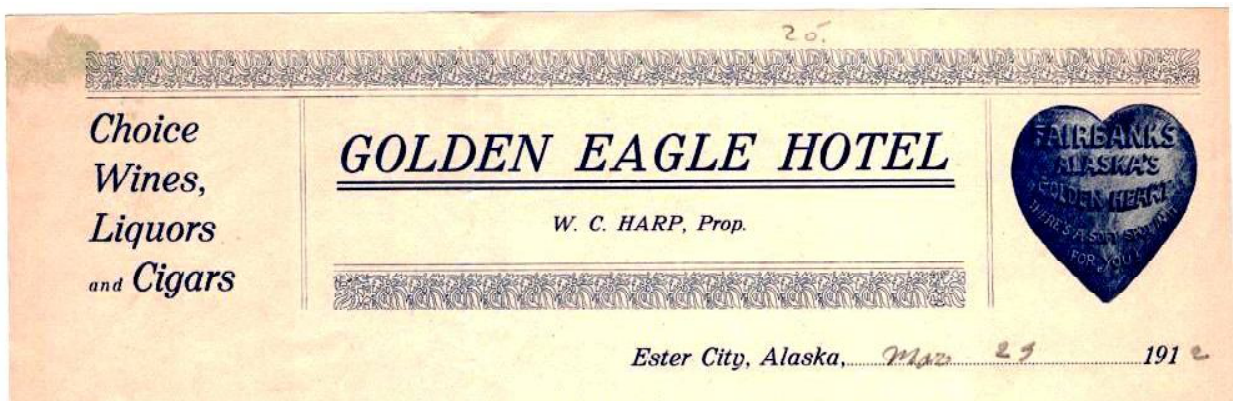
This photo shows the California (saloon) baseball team, circa 1910. ("Digging California," January issue).



This photo shows the offices of The Alaska Citizen newspaper, circa 1910 ("William C. Harp," April issue).



("Squadron Club," March issue)



And then there was this letterhead! ("William C. Harp," April issue).

These items are from the Candy Waugaman collection.

THE PRINCESS SOPHIA, GEORGE F. MAYHOOD AND A DOG

The Princess Sophia ran aground on Vanderbilt reef on October 24, 1918. When she sank on October 25, there were no survivors.

The August 26, 1920 issue of the Alaska Daily Empire in Juneau reported on the items recovered from the wreck. Among those was a package appearing to belong to George F. Mayhood, long time merchant in Fairbanks (B-34a) and Ruby (B-3a). He was going outside, planning on returning in the spring.

“One package containing a membership card Geo. F. Mayhood, Ruby Loyal League, Ruby, Alaska, No. 3, September 18, 1918; seven War Savings Stamps; four Liberty Bonds, \$400; one Liberty Bond, \$50.00; U.S. currency \$260.00; Wells Fargo money order, \$50.00; Carlyle Packing Company, check, \$292.50; Union Oil of Cal., check, \$1.16; two Carlyle Packing Co. checks; note, \$18.16; White Pass & Yukon shipping order; note Bank of Ruby \$687.”

As noted above, there were no survivors, but news accounts mention that a dog swam to shore. I found the following letter in the Candy Waugaman papers:

Vancouver, B.C.
8th July, 1919.

Reginal Brook, Esq.
Engineer Mine,
Atlin, B.C.

Dear Sir:-

This will be your authority, if necessary, to take possession of a dog belonging to the late Captain Alexander, reported to have escaped from the wreck of the “Princess Sophia” and to be now at Juneau, Alaska. The dog is a “Chesapeake Bay”, and is named “Tommy”.

Yours truly,
J.A. ??????
Official Administrator of the
Estate of the late James
Alexander deceased.

What are the odds a letter like this would survive?

APRIL 13 AUCTION

Lot	Price Realized
254 Fairbanks, B-10, a,c,d	130
255 Fairbanks, B-12a	100mb*
256 Fairbanks, B-19b	25
257 Fairbanks, B-35a	60
258 Fairbanks, B-45 aII, b and c	75
259 Fairbanks, B-51a	120
260 Flat, B-2 a-c	130
261 Ft. Wainwright haircut tokens	55mb*
262 Ft. Yukon, B-4a	35
263 Juneau tokens	55
264 Ketchikan, B-32a	25
265 Kobuk, B-1 a-c	20
266 McCarthy, B-2b	30
267 Murphy Dome tokens	35
268 Nome tokens, B-41 b,d,f,i	20
269 Port Alexander tokens	20
270 Seward tokens	55
271 St. Lawrence Island tokens	40
272 Teller tokens, B-3 aI-d	45mb*
273 Tonsina token, B-1a	50
274 Village tokens	50
275 University of Alaska medals	60
276 1990 AK 1/2 oz. medals	50
277 1/10 oz. AK gold medal	165
278 1995 ARR medal	50
279 1996 AK state medals	80
280 1999 Iditarod medal	55
281 2011 Iditarod medal	65
282 Snowmachine charm	100
283 Gold Miner charm	450mb*
284 Pioneers of Alaska pin	110mb*
285 Brass nesting scale weights	105
286 Wickersham's book	35

mb = sold to a mail bidder * = reduced bid
Total savings by bid reductions - \$311



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FOR THE RECORD



(ANCHORAGE): Cross Roads, Where friends meet, Top Shelf. Octagonal, 40mm, gold on black plastic.



FAIRBANKS: Comet Club, Good for one bottle beer. Silver (or faded gold) on green plastic, 41mm.



ANCHORAGE: Timeout Lounge, good for one drink. Black on yellow plastic, 38mm.



FAIRBANKS: Comet Club, Good for one bottle beer. Gold on red plastic, 40mm.



FAIRBANKS: Mecca Bar: (2) One Drink tokens, and a Well Drink or Beer. All white on red plastic, 38mm (illustration reduced).

FAIRBANKS: The Big I. Good for one beer, black on white. Good for one drink, black on green. Both 41mm plastic.

ALASKA: Norcon, Inc. General Contractor, Alaska Construction. Land of Midnight Sun. Bronze, 39mm.



Items on this page submitted by Wil Courtney.

ALASKA ONE OUNCE SILVER



Here are a few Alaska one ounce silver medals that we don't see very often.

To the left (shown at a reduced size) is a set of (10) one ounce silver medals patterned after the 1962 Alaska Booster Dollar, claiming to be unused designs. These are denominated \$20 on the reverse. This is totally fictitious. These were struck in 1986. A bronze set denominated \$5 was also offered.

We can offer the complete set of (10) for **\$295**, in its original plastic case and foam insert. The foam is deteriorating, as foam tends to do. Not a good material for long term packaging. Only 3 sets available.



FT. KNOX KINROSS GOLD MINE: Even though the mine is only 30 miles out of town, these don't come in very often. The medal above left is the second medal Ft. Knox issued. It gold relief on silver. Only (2) available at **\$45**. The medal above right is the third and latest medal. It is gold plated silver. Only (1) available. It is **\$32**.



ONE FRIENDSHIP DOLLAR. From times when the relations between the U.S. and the U.S.S.R. (now Russia) were better than they are today.

Issued by the Alaska Geographic Society, this medal honors the 250th anniversary of Vitus Bering's landing at Cape St. Elias in 1741.

These medals come in their original wallet with a fold out map showing the route of Bering's ship, St. Peter. The medals have been carefully removed from the vinyl holder in the wallet, decontaminated, and placed into another vinyl holder and re-inserted in the wallet. Yes, this vinyl is not a good idea for long term storage, but that's your problem ;) Only two available at **\$50** each.

All items on this page have free shipping.